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Cariboo College is pleased to announce the signing of an agreement with International Geosystems (Hong Kong) Ltd. which will establish a Cariboo College Accredited Learning Centre within a secondary school in Hong Kong.

The Learning Centre will offer qualified students courses equivalent to those taken in British Columbia Grade 12, and successful graduates will be awarded by Cariboo College a Provincial-level Adult Basic Education Diploma. This will help to qualify them for admission to many B.C. post-secondary educational institutions, including Cariboo College.

Students who ultimately transfer to Cariboo will enter as foreign students, requiring a student visa and paying foreign student tuition fees. Under guidelines of the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training, foreign students enter post-secondary institutions without cost to the B.C. taxpayer, and without displacing Canadian students.

Cariboo College maintains control of the educational quality of the Hong Kong courses through consultations and visits to Hong Kong by Cariboo staff. College Vice-President Dr. David Cane notes that the accreditation agreement will likely significantly increase Cariboo's quota of foreign students (now at around 55).

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"The presence of foreign students enhances the educational climate of the College through intercultural interaction", said Cane, "and the students add significantly to the local economy. Also, we are pleased to be able to help provide Canadian educational assistance to developing countries. A further benefit is the exposure it gives our staff to education in other parts of the world".

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